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The Honorable Philip R. Recht  
Deputy Administrator  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC  
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400 Seventh Street, S. W., Room 5220  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Recht :

Re: **Settlement Agreement**  
**Section G. Driver Impairment Research**

Enclosed are the project description and Statement of Work for Years 4-5 for the following project:

G.6 Projections of Crashes and Casualties Caused by Older Drivers

Please advise whether you concur in this proposed project description and Statement of Work.

Sincerely,

David A. Collins  
Attorney

c: James A. Durkin, Esq.

Enclosures

## **G. Impairment Research Projects - Year's 4-5**

6. Projections of Crashes and Casualties Caused by Older Drivers  
(\$505,000)

This project will estimate how many of the future older drivers will still be driving, and how many miles will be driven annually, for each age group. This project will also be expanded to estimate the total number of older drivers involved in crashes and casualties, in five-year increments to the year 2020. Development of these projections will be based on findings from Projects G. 1, Changes in Crash Involvement Rates as Drivers Age, G.7, Factors Contributing to Premature Reduction or Cessation of Driving by Older Men and Women, and G.8, Investigations of Crashes and Casualties Associated with Older Drivers. Specifically, the influence of the following factors on older drivers' crash involvement will be incorporated into the model: (1) driving behavior (e.g., premature driving cessation, driving curtailment, the amount of miles driven annually) of future older driver cohorts, by age and gender; (2) the projected causal relationship between driving cessation and health status of future older drivers; and (3) the impact of "external" factors such as Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), the availability of alternative transportation, and alternatives to transportation on drivers in different age groups and with different levels of physical and cognitive impairment.